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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Colin Kelly III, Trinity-on-the-Hill Episcopal Church, Los Alamos, NM, offered the following

Gracious God, bless these men and women of the House of Representatives. Endow them with wisdom, courage, and strength to know and to do Your will. Inspire them to rise above differences and see common tasks with Your vision.

We pray for the President of these United States, and all in authority, that they may always remember to look in trust to You as they fulfill their daily responsibilities.

We pray also for all the people of our country. We seek justice, freedom, and peace. Help us always to remember that freedom comes with responsibility and peace comes at the price of lives sacrificed. Give us Your peace.

Purify our hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes ap-

peared to have it.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question will be post-

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. WATTS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and jus-

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND COLIN P. KELLY III

(Mr. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to formally welcome and introduce today's guest chaplain, the Reverend Colin P. Kelly III of Trinity-on-the-Hill Episcopal Church in Los Alamos, NM.

Reverend Kelly has had a long and distinguished career of service to his congregants and to this Nation. A West Point graduate, he served his country in Germany and at Fort Riley, KS. After receiving a master of divinity de-Philadelphia from School, he returned to active duty military for extensive pastoral experience. Among his duties, he served as assistant chaplain at the Military Academy and also served as division chaplain at Fort Carson where he supervised 21 Army chaplains who were responsible for the spiritual welfare of over 16,000 soldiers and their families.

After retiring from the Army, he settled in Los Alamos where he assumed duties as rector of Trinity-on-the-Hill Episcopal Church. He is married to Sue Ellen Kelly who just joined him on this mission to Washington and they have five children.

While we in New Mexico know and respect Colin P. Kelly III for his pastoral duties, others around the country might recognize his name-his father was a World War II hero. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., was shot down over the Philippines in December 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He had engaged the enemy in what was the first strike back by the United States in World War II.

In recognition of the outstanding service offered by the Kelly family to this great Nation, it is only fitting that Reverend Kelly be given the op-portunity to offer his prayers before the House. I urge my colleagues to join me in welcoming and honoring Reverend Colin P. Kelly III.

HEALTH INSURANCE

(Mr. GINGRICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his re-

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted to rise to note that we are on the verge of a historic achievement. We have a bill which will extend guaranteed portability of health insurance to every American in the health insurance system. That is, you will never again have to worry about changing jobs. You will never again have job lock because of a precondition. You will never again have to worry about a precondition stopping you from getting health insurance once you are in the system. You can change jobs; you can

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